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TITLE: Bull cup

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS Not Applicable

FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH Not Applicable

SEQUENCE LISTING OR PROGRAM Not Applicable

BACK GROUND OF INVENTION - Voice amplification

In a variety of situations, it is desirable to amplify the human speaking voice. The two most common types of portable amplification instruments are megaphones and bullhorns. With either instrument, a user can amplify their voice and cheer for an individual or team. While both of these devices are useful for voice amplification they require the user to transport the instruments to an event and carried from event.

Frequently at sporting events, individuals in attendance are able to purchase beverages in wax coated paper cups that typically include the display of a team logo or other symbols representative of the event.

The drinking cup assembly according to the present invention fulfills this need. Not only does the assembly serve as drinking cup, it also can be converted into a bullhorn for use in vocalizing one's support for a person, group or team.

Inventors have created a combination-drinking cup and megaphone U.S. patent 5,501,363 to Muller (1996) discloses a complex apparatus, which can be used for multipurpose container and sold as a souvenir.

Thus the Muller's invention features a complicated twist off base with coaster portion, which has a reseal

able plug and cap. Made from a durable, lightweight plastic material and designed to be a multiple use storage container. The bull cup is a variation of a paper cup, which is meant for singular once and then disposed of at the end of the event.

Several types of acoustical device have been proposed for example, in U.S. patent 5,726,396 to Earth (1998), U.S. patent 6,574,344 to Wiener (2003) and U.S. patent 6,129,173 to Panton. Although they are related to amplifying the human voice, they are designed for multiple uses, manufactured with durable plastics. Unlike the present invention, which is a paper product and will be used only once and then disposed.

The objects and advantages of the present invention can be best understood by discussing the dual purpose of the invention. By way of example, initially the drinking cup assembly could be sold as a pre-assembled unit wherein the drinking cup includes as its main components a body portion, a selectively removable base disposed along narrow end. The pre-assembled unit would be filled with drinks contained within the body of the device. Ideally, the outer surface of the body would include some illustration symbolizing the event or one's support for a particular organization. Thereafter, once the beverage has been dispensed the drinking cup can be converted into a bull cup for enhances vocalization of one's support for a team or individual. Removal of cups base is easily achieved by pulling the string located on the under side of the cups base. Once the base is removed, the opening is now converted into a mouthpiece for apparatuses second use of voice amplification. By drawing the mouthpiece of apparatus near one's mouth, he or she can begin speaking, yelling or otherwise vocalizing into the now converted voice amplification instrument or bull cup.

Accordingly, the object of the present invention is to provide a dual-purpose apparatus useful either as a drinking cup or a bullhorn for enhanced vocalization.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide an easily convertible structure that is inexpensive to manufacture and once it is used will be disposed.

## SUMMARY OF INVENTION

The present invention in the first adaptation is used a drinking cup and then can be converted to the second adaptation of a bull cup for voice amplification for use at sporting events.

Additional objective and advantage of the present invention is for convenience of use and then to dispose of the cup after one use.